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SECRETARY OF STATE VISIT: THE SECRETARY PLANS TO COME TO GENEVA MAY 12-14 TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING ON BOSNIA WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN AND RUSSIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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GENEVA 04325 061612Z PAGE 02 FOREIGN MINISTERS. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED AS TO OTHER PARTCIPANTS, ADDITIONAL EVENTS OR MEETING SITES.

JOHN SHATTUCK WILL BE HERE OVER SHATTUCK VISIT: THE WEEKEND ON THE WAY HOME FROM HIS EAST AFRICAN TRIP. HE WILL MEET WITH HCHR AYALA-LASSO, ICRC PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA, AND DEPUTY UNHCR WALZER TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE CRISIS IN RWANDA. HE WILL USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE AYALA'S INITIATIVES ON RWANDA, INCLUDING THE HCHR'S TRIP TO THE REGION (HE LEAVES

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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR CONVERSATION) AND THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF MAY 25. (AS OF MIDDAY FRIDAY, NO STATE HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED A SPECIAL SESSION, ALTHOUGH MANY ARE DISCUSSING THE IDEA.)

- 4. WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: DONNA SHALALA'S VISIT TO GENEVA AS HEAD OF DELEGATION FOR THE WHA WAS AN ABSOLUTE SUCCESS. SHE, PHIL LEE AND THE OTHER SENIOR PEOPLE WITH HER HANDLED THEMSELVES SUPERBLY AND MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE. SHE MADE IT CLEAR TO NAKAJIMA THAT WE WANT TO WORK WITH HIM AND SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THE REFORM PROCESS. WE RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON HER SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY HER FOCUS ON WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES.
- 5. ON OTHER MATTERS, THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE WELCOMED BACK TO WHO WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND A FIRST DAY RESOLUTION WHICH REINSTATED FULL PRIVILEGES. DONNA AND I MET WITH THEIR DELEGATION AFTERWARD TO DISCUSS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 GENEVA 04325 061612Z POSSIBILITES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH.

6. AT A LUNCHEON WITH THE AMERICAS REGION EXECUTIVE BOARD COUNTRIES, I WAS ABLE TO SECURE A SLOT FOR THE U.S. ON THE NEWLY CREATED BUDGET COMMITTEE. THIS WAS A "MUST" FOR SECRETARY SHALALA AND GIVES US GREATER PURCHASE ON IMPORTANT BUDGET ISSUES.

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8. ACDA DELEGATIONS: WE HAVE BID FAREWELL TO THE LAST OF THREE ACDA DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN WITH US FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS. WHILE I EXPECT THERE WILL BE A LULL IN GENEVA MEETING ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMS CONTROL SPECIAL SESSIONS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

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